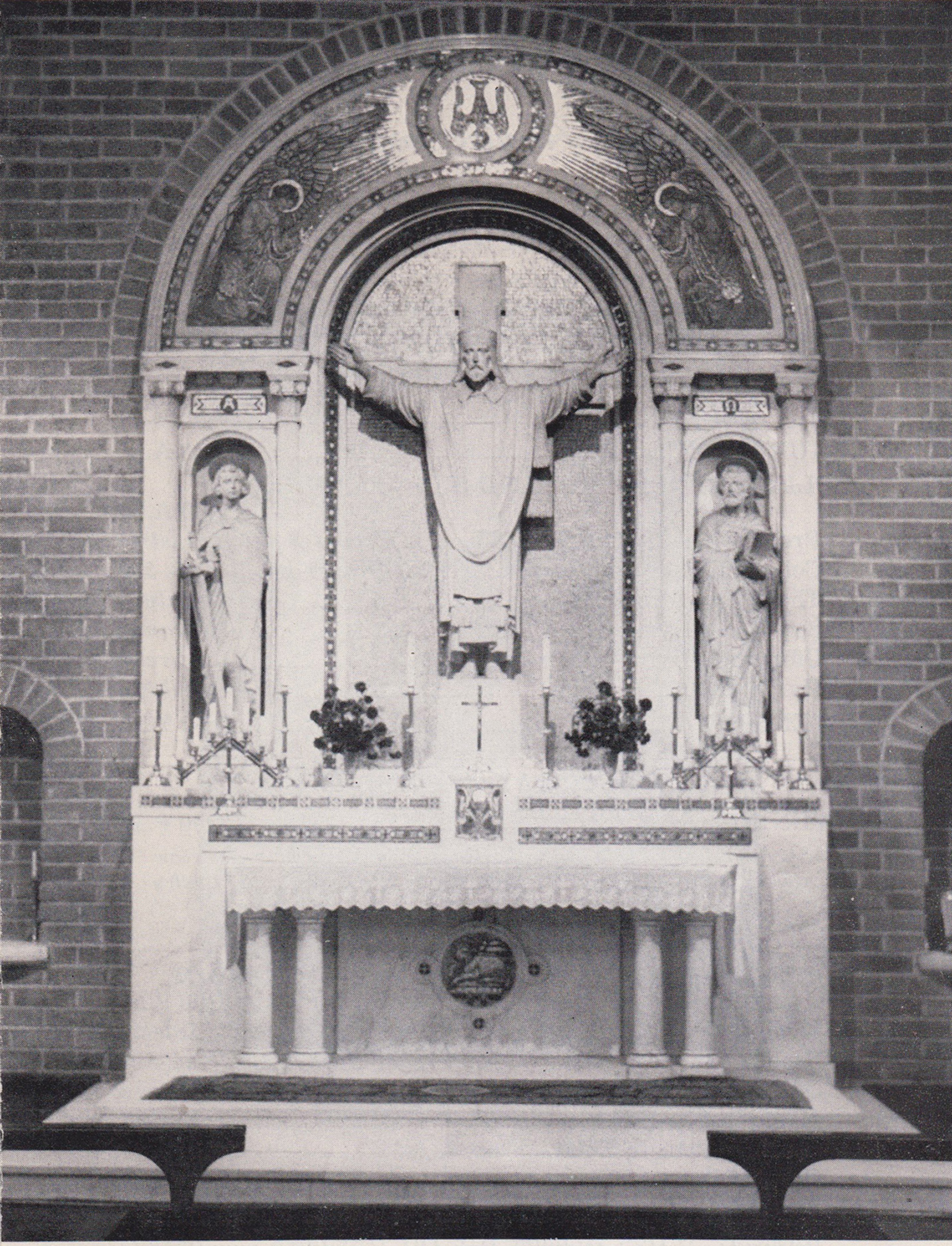

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THE REV. JAMES M. NIBLO, D.D., *Rector*
THE REV. S. ATMORE CAINE, B.A., M.S., *Vicar*

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1955

HOLY EUCHARIST ..... 7:00 A.M.
CHURCH SCHOOL ..... 9:30 A.M.
SOLEMN PROCESSION AND SUNG EUCHARIST, 11:00 A.M.

Processional Hymns 384, 385.....*Regent Square, Austria*
Collect, Epistle and Gospel.....*Prayer Book, Page 259*
The Mass: Messe Solennelle.....*Gounod-Halpen*
Sequence: Hymn 318.....*Hosanna*
Offertory: Hymn 396.....*Aurelia*
Hymn 398.....*Quam Dilecta*

EVENSONG ..... 5:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

EVENING OF MUSIC..... 8:00 P.M.

St. Augustine's Choir under the direction of Miss Florence Urban assisted by the Masonic Male Chorus, directed by James T. Dudley

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10

SOLEMN EVENSONG, PROCESSION AND TE DEUM, 8:00 P.M.

Hymn 398 .....*Quam Dilecta*
Psalms 148, 149, 150.....*Prayer Book, Pages 524, 525*
Office Hymn 228.....*Rouen*
Magnificat in E flat.....*Simper*
Nunc Dimittis in E flat.....*Simper*
Hymn 563.....*St. Dunstan's*
Sermon.....The Rev. Thomas W. S. Logan
Anthem: "O How Amiable Are Thy Dwellings".....*Barnby*
Solemn Procession: Hymns 384, 385, 396, *Regent Square, Austria, Aurelia*
Te Deum in E flat.....*Barrett*
Hymn 535 .....*Festal Song*

THE REV. S. ATMORE CAINE

Vicar, November, 1942

For several years before the Church was built.
The Congregation and Church School met at the nearby Church of St. John's.

A Short History of St. Augustine's

On Passion Sunday, April 6, 1930, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, the Rector, the Rev. James M. Niblo, after a service at St. John's, assembled with members of St. Augustine's congregation at the plot of ground purchased for the Church and Parish House on Green Street between Basin and Wood and blessed the site and broke ground for the new buildings. Work progressed rapidly, so that on July 6, the Third Sunday after Trinity, of that year, following a service of Confirmation at St. John's at 3:30 P.M., the congregation again assembled at the site of the new Church, when The Rt. Rev. Francis M. Tait, D.D., Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, laid the corner-stone. The Building Committee consisted of the Rev. James M. Niblo, Rector; Mr. Norris D. Wright, for the Vestry, and Dr. Daniel A. Wilson, for the Congregation.

By All Saints Day, the Church and Parish House were ready for use, and at 9 o'clock on the morning of November 2, the Sunday in the Octave, the Rector blessed the Altar, celebrated the Choral Eucharist and preached to a congregation of 150. He was assisted by the Rev. Alonzo L. Wood, who became the first Vicar. After the Eucharist, Father Niblo baptized James Henry Griffin. This was the first baptism held in the Church. That evening, Father Wood sang Evensong and again the Rector preached. The congregation numbered 190 persons.

On the Sunday next before Advent, November 23, at 8 P.M., Bishop Tait dedicated the Parish House, consecrated the Church and administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to 8 men and 8 women. Assisting were Father Niblo, Father Wood and the Rev. Richard J. Morris. About 250 persons were present.

Nine years later on November 12, 1939, being the 23rd Sunday after Trinity, after Confirmation at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, the Diocesan, Bishop Tait, consecrated the bell given by the Pennsylvania Railroad, dedicating it to St. Benedict the Moor. The Bishop was the first to ring the bell. The bell tower was the gift of Father Niblo and the parishioners.

St. Augustine's has had five Vicars and a number of priests who have been in charge or assisting. The names are as follows: Vicars: The Rev. Alonzo L. Wood, November, 1930, to July, 1931; the Rev. William L. Ziadie, July, 1931, to November, 1936; the Rev. Walter C. Kline, September, 1937, to August, 1938; the Rev. John T. Williston, September, 1938, to October, 1942; the Rev. S. Atmore Caine, November, 1942—. Priests-in-Charge: the Rev. William N. Lanigan, November, 1936, to July, 1937; the Rev. Warren R. Yeakel, July, 1937, to September, 1937, and August, 1938, to September, 1938; the Rev. C. Stewart Kitchen, October, 1942, to November, 1942. Other priests who have assisted are the Rev. Fathers Clarence E. Ball, Caleb Cresson, Paul Hartzel, Leon Shearer and Dean E. J. M. Nutter. John T. Price and Walton N. Wilson have acted as lay readers.

The last major improvement to the fabric of the buildings is a new terrazzo floor in the Church itself, which has been finished in time for the Anniversary.

St. Augustine's Church, built in memory of Harriet Cornelia Prevost, has been the recipient of a number of memorials and gifts. The High Altar was given in memory of Sutherland Mallet Prevost; six processional torches in memory of George Adams Williston; an aumbry for the Holy Oils in memory of Paul and Annie Atmore Caine; an ablution cup in memory of Algernon R. Cavanaugh; a baptismal shell in memory of Meriwether O. Kimball; two silver cruets in memory of Robert Augustus Daley, Sr.; a silver-plated lavabo basin in thanksgiving for the marriage of Trevor and Elina Magnus. The Service League of St. John's gave a silver, gold-lined, ciborium for the Reserved Sacrament in 1947.